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ARMS CUT COMING?

Prospects are better for a major arms cut in the United States at the present time than they have been in a number of years. The question which arises in the minds of many is how such a cut will affect our economy.

Interestingly enough, this was the question which was raised in Nikita Khrushchev's mind, and a point he raised quite often, during his visit in the United States. The communists have told the world, through their propaganda machine, that the U. S. will not agree to disarmament because an arms cut would depress business and cause a depression in the U. S. economy.

As a matter of truth, civilian production has taken precedent over military production in all the years since World War II, with the possible exception of a brief period during the Korean conflict. Even then, the importance of civilian production was not forgotten.

As a result, defense spending in the United States is considered only about ten per cent of the total spending, for all goods and services, and, therefore, a major arms cut would not, we believe, cause a depression in the United States.

It would cause some temporary dislocation and some spotty sectional recessions, but if Congress reduced taxes, as defense spending was reduced, and an expanded public works program undertaken, the net effect on the economy would not be adverse.

There are indications that Administration officials, and even some in the Defense Department, foresee arms cuts in the future.

All in all, chances for an arms cut in '60 or '61 seem better than they have been for years. All Americans hope that such a cut comes about, it can be negotiated only a basis of absolute security. Adequate inspection and safeguards must be assured. We must never be put into a position of disarming alone, so far as the great powers of the world are concerned. We could only look back wards and see results of unilateral disarmament, without inspection, and the dire results upon the peace of the world. There is at this moment in history, a challenge to the great powers to reduce military expenses, but with safety and security, so that no nation, such as the United States would be inviting disaster.

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AFRAID OF DEATH?

Every once in a while, we run across a dissertation on death, with the writer proclaiming that death is as natural as birth.

This may be the case, but few infants have any anticipation of birth, while every thinking individual has premonitions of death. Somewhat naturally, there are those who fear the process of dying, even if they are unconcerned about death itself.

To those who believe in immortality, death is but the portal to another life. In it some expect to receive rewards for punishments sustained. Others expect glorification because of the life they have led, and look somewhat hopefully to the punishment that shall be visited upon others.

It is by faith that the thinking man must face death. It is the belief of the thinking man, that an honorable life in this world, will not make unbearable whatever is across the River.

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THE OCTOBER SKY

October is a month in which the great Milky Way is a lovely feature of the autumn sky. It curves almost through the center of the celestial hemisphere from northeast to west.

In this great belt of five billion diamonds, the five first-magnitude stars, reading from east to west, are Aldebaran, Capella, Deneb, (almost overhead), Vega, and Altair.

You will note, if you will study the sky one night this month, at about nine or ten o'clock, that the Big Dipper is descending close to the horizon in the north, and will sink even further as the night grows older. It will rise later in the night, and at early morning it will be riding somewhat high in the east.

At this very moment the Milky Way will bisect the heavens from north to south.

Formalhaut still dominates the southern sky in October, as it did in September, and will do so throughout most of the month of November. It is falling rather low in the southwest, by mid-November, and you can notice that it becomes redder from now until then — as more dusk in the atmosphere obstructs the view.

Fomalhaut still dominates the southern sky in October, as it did in 500 B. C., and during bom best known by the odd name of the First Frog. It never reaches high on the horizon and reaches greatest height about the middle of October. It is at its brightest this month. You will see it all alone in the southern heavens, and all the more conspicuous for that reason.

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Childhood was not as pleasant as it seems.

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It is surprising how many people do no work.

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Some of the finest friendships are made in church.

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People often seek excuses for their failures, instead of trying to do something about them.

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DUCK STAMP SALES DIP

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Proceeds from the stamps are used for wildlife conservation projects.

LONG-RANGE VIEW

A Republican study committee has said the G. O. P. must welcome change when change means progress.

The forty - member committee in the first of a series of reports to be mde over the next two weeks said the Republican party, which has lost three straight congressional elections, "must pursue definite goals, safeguarding enduring values, yet be flexible and imaginative in welcoming change as the key to all progress."

OFF 'SOCIAL LIST'

President Eisenhower's sister-in-law, Mrs. George Gordon Moore, and her husband have been dropped from the 1960 edition of Washington's unofficial "Social List," just published.

The big green suede book, social bible for Washington, also dropped from its 7,000 listings the name of Maj. and Mrs. John S. Eisenhower son and daughter-in-law of the President.

SILENCE AT LAST

The oratorical echoes of the first session of the Eighty-sixth Congress has been silenced —as far as The Congressional Record is concerned.

The oratory supposedly ended with Congressional Adjournment in the early morning hours of Sept. 15. But though a special dispensation, the record has been kept open to print any special post-adjournment afterthoughts the legislators might have.

ECONOMY AIM SET

Senate Republicans, acting to make it an issue for 1960, have settled on a fight for balancing of the budget as their key aim at the next session of Congress.

In a memorandum the Senate Republican Policy Committee cited seven Democratic - sponsored proposals, that, it said, would mean ultimate outlays of nearly $5,000,000,000. These proposals will figure prominently in a new battle of the budget beginning in January, it added.

STRONTIUM CONTENT OFF

The strontium-90 content of the nation's major water course during the second quarter of 1959 was far below what is regarded as permissible, the Public Health Service has reported.

Currently a strontium-90 level of eighty micrimicrocuries a liter is considered permissible for lifetime exposure.

The service said that weekly water samples from seventeen major rivers and four sampling stations on the Great Lakes had been analyzed.

TV QUIZZES

House investigators have gone on record as saying they had evidence that some television quiz shows have been "rigged," "even beyond what we had originally expected."

The statement was made by Representative Oren Harris, Democrat of Arkansas and chairman of the House Commerce subcommittee, which is opening the hearings.

S. S. STATE TAX

The Public Affairs Committee of the Democratic state organization has ranged the defeat of a proposed change in the state constitution that would make it easier to effect uniformity between state and Federal income procedures.

The change would enable the Legislature to enact tax laws merely by referring to Federal statutes and regulations instead of spelling out in detail definitions and procedures.

RANGE FIRE TOLL IS HIGH

This has been the worst fire year since 1947 for the eastern range lands Management, Director Edward Woozley has reported Mr. Woozley said that by late August range and brush fires had burned more than 420,000 acres and the weather continued hot and dry during September in parts of the range country. The 1947 fire toll was 600,000 acres.

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ROUGH WEEK FOR BABIES

Syracuse, N. Y. — It was a rough week for children in Syracuse recently, when police received reports of the theft of 20 diapers, a coaster wagon, and a baby's stroller.

Good Gag

About the only way to keep television gagsters from stealing a gag is to write about television gagsters stealing gags. — Bristol Herald-Courier.

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Sharing

Lesson for October 18, 1959

CHRISTIANITY is a religion of sharing, but not all sharing is Christian. Sharing when you have to isn't it, otherwise everybody who pays taxes would be a Christian. Sharing very rarely is hardly it, either, because Christian sharing is a constant habit, not an occasional spasm. Giving away what you don't want, cleaning out your closets and giving to Volunteers the benefit of your junk, is some distance yet from Christian sharing. Sharing things can be Christian; indeed the Apostle John inquires whether we can imagine we have the love of God in us if we do not share with the needy (I John 3:17). But Christian sharing is something over and beyond letting other people use some of the things we call ours, some of the time.

Dr. Foreman

Sharing Christ

It can all be put into two words. At its level and highest, Christian sharing means **sharing Christ.** But in order to understand those two simple words, put together in that way, we have to do some further thinking. A short story in the book of Acts (chap. 3) helps to make this clear. Peter and John have become such famous men that we forget how poor they actually were. They had been fishermen, and they had been away from their lake a long time. When they told the beggar they had no silver nor gold, they were as good as saying they had nothing but pennies. Yet they gave that beggar something far better than money; they gave him the power of Christ. What happened is recorded as a miracle; and miracles are not in our times granted to most men to perform. Yet sharing Christ is still possible. Of course that the poorest Christian, the one least able to share money or things of any kind, still has what the wealthiest person who is not a Christian lacks: namely Christ.

An Amazing Case

Here is a spectacular case that occurred less than five years ago, a miracle too of a sort. It illustrates what "sharing Christ" can mean. In the city of Philadelphia a foreign student was walking along doing no one any harm. Some young hooligans happened to see him. They had just been talking about how they would get money to go to a dance hall that night. So—being hooligans—they rushed this foreign student and not only took what little money he had, only a dollar or so as the newspapers reported it; but they murdered him then and there. They were arrested, and the State of Pennsylvania took steps to convict them of the murder and execute them. All a familiar pattern, too familiar in big cities. Murder—arrest — conviction — the pen or the chair.

But the astonishing thing happened. The family of the dead student were Koreans, and Christians. They wrote to the authorities in Pennsylvania asking them not to prosecute these boy murderers, but to help them. More than that, this Korean family went to the length of getting up a fund (all by themselves) to be used for the education—ordinary, and also moral and religious, of the boys who had killed their young relative.

Bringing Christ Into It

No doubt many American church people, when they read about that case, felt irritated and maybe even angry. "Those hooligans committed murder, let 'em burn for it. What business have those Koreans bringing religion into it? But that's just the point. They didn't bring "religion" into it, they brought Christ into the situation. That is what sharing Christ means, bringing him into every situation of need. Christ is (we hope) in a church situation, for instance in the worship on Sunday morning. Christ is in the offering we give to missions. But the hard way—and the best way—to share Christ is not to sing about him or to employ others to talk about him. To share Christ is to make every situation, even tragedy and murder—different because you have invited Him to help you help others.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Oct. 12.- We are so happy to see some sunshine, after so much rainy, bad weather.

We extend deepest sympathy to Miss Mattie Sue Brown, who lost her brother, Mr. Edd Brown last week. He was buried at his home on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and children, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette at Vera last Friday evening.

Mrs. W. R. Stratton and Miss Edna Adcock, of Appomattox, spent Sunday in our community.

Miss Lizzie Rice, of Richmond, is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kraus and Mrs. S. E. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and girls and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Showalters and Steve, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson over the week-end.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Church will meet in the home of Mrs. C. M. Caldwell at Spout Spring tomorrow night. A good attendance is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton, of Roanoke spent the week-end with Mrs. Ida Stratton.

Miss Peggy Bondurant, of Concord spent the week-end with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton were visitors in Lynchburg on Saturday.

Mrs. R. H. Thornhill spent last week-end at Prospect with her Chick relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Beard spent the week-end in Appomattox with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brown and family, of Gladstone visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler at Rustburg on Sunday.

Mr. and Mr. Henry Beard and Lawrence were the dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

DEBT

Dunmanway, Ireland — Denis Delea, who worked for 67 years in a store, in his will left $84 to the firm "to pay for any time I have wasted in their employment." Delea, who was 80, collapsed and died while working at his desk in the store.

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by: E. H. Sims

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